

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate confirmed the nomination of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 490–517, S. Res. 78–85, and S. Con. Res. 7. **Pages S954–55**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 117–1) **Page S954**

Measures Passed:

Notifying the President of the Election of the Secretary of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate. **Page S907**

Notifying the House of the Election of the Secretary of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of the Secretary of the Senate. **Page S907**

Honoring the Life and Legacy of John Robert Lewis: Senate agreed to S. Res. 82, honoring the life and legacy of John Robert Lewis and commending John Robert Lewis for his towering achievements in the nonviolent struggle for civil rights. **Page S921**

National FFA Organization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, expressing support for the designation of February 20 through February 27, 2021, as “National FFA Week”, recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders who will change the world, and celebrating 50 years of National FFA Organization Alumni and Supporters. **Page S922**

Raimando Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gina Marie Raimando, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S921**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 69), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S921**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2021; and that at 2:15 p.m., the cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S963**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 68), Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education. **Pages S912–21, S963**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—69) **Page S921**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 6:51 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S963.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 117th Congress, and or-

dered favorably reported the nomination of Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 8, 1445–1476; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 176–178, 180–181, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 179, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1280) to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–9).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

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For the People Act of 2021 and George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 179, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1280) to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 207 nays,

Roll No. 51, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 50. Pursuant to section 6(a) of H. Res. 179, H. Res. 176 was adopted. Pursuant to section 6(b) of H. Res. 179, H. Res. 177 was adopted. Pages H864–72

Senate Referral: S. 422 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H864.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H870–71 and H871–72.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2021; GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2021

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2021”; and H.R. 1280, the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2021”, and H.R. 1280, the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further

amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on House Administration or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1280, the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 176 and House Resolution 177 are hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren, and Representatives Rodney Davis of Illinois, Jackson Lee, Biggs, Stauber, Lesko, Bourdeaux, Armstrong, Jones, Comer, Sarbanes, Grothman, Smucker, Spartz, Westerman, and Burgess.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine global security challenges and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 11 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's 2021 High Risk List, focusing on addressing waste, fraud, and abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/WEBEX.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Health and Safety Protections for Meatpacking, Poultry, and Agricultural Workers”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on Open World, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Service Academies Overview”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Future of Telehealth: How COVID-19 is Changing the Delivery of Virtual Care”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights, hearing entitled “Elections in Africa”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The 2021 GAO High-Risk List: Blueprint for a Safer, Stronger, More Effective America”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “COVID-19's Effects on U.S. Aviation and the Flight Path to Recovery”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 2 through March 5, 2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce, post-cloture, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cecilia Elena Rouse, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 2, to hold hearings to examine global security challenges and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how the financial system hurts workers and widens the racial wealth gap, 10:15 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on the Budget: March 2, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 11 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 4, business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 117th Congress, and the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 3, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: March 3, business meeting to consider the nominations of Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and

Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 3, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, and Brian P. McKeon, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 2, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's 2021 High Risk List, focusing on addressing waste, fraud, and abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/WEBEX.

March 3, Full Committee, with the Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold a joint hearing to examine the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, 10 a.m., SD-G50/WEBEX.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director, and Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/WEBEX.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 3, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, to hold a joint hearing to examine the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, 10 a.m., SD-G50/WEBEX.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 3, to hold hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 4, Full Committee, to continue hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 2, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 12 p.m., Webex.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "FDA's Foreign Drug Inspections Program", 10 a.m., Webex.

March 4, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Status of Department of Veterans Affairs Infrastructure", 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 3, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy, hearing entitled "A

Way Forward for Venezuela: The Humanitarian, Diplomatic, and National Security Challenges Facing the Biden Administration”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 4, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on Insular Area Climate Change Act, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 4, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing Trade Adjustment Assistance: Opportunities for Equitable Access and Modernization”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 3, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 4, Full Committee, to continue hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through February 28, 2020

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	30	26	..
Time in session	147 hrs., 06'	110 hrs., 1'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	906	861	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	182	..
Public bills enacted into law	4	1	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	39	58	97
Senate bills	2	..	..
House bills	1	16	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	3	..
Simple resolutions	32	36	..
Measures reported, total	*19	*8	27
Senate bills	1	..	..
House bills .....	..	1	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	18	7	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	4	..	..
Measures introduced, total	571	1,652	2,223
Bills	479	1,428	..
Joint resolutions	9	28	..
Concurrent resolutions	6	21	..
Simple resolutions	77	175	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	67	48	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through February 28, 2020

Civilian nominees, totaling 90, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	12
Unconfirmed	45
Withdrawn	33
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1
Air Force nominees, totaling 1,664, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	48
Unconfirmed	1,616
Army nominees, totaling 2,454, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	118
Unconfirmed	2,336
Navy nominees, totaling 124, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1
Unconfirmed	123
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 437, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	69
Unconfirmed	368
Space Force nominees, totaling 984, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1
Unconfirmed	983
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	5,754
Total confirmed	249
Total unconfirmed	5,472
Total withdrawn	33
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. No written reports have been filed in the Senate, 8 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, March 2

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following the remarks of Senator Cruz until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1—For the People Act of 2021. Consideration of H.R. 1280—George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021.

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